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FM AMEMBASSY CAPE TOWN

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5136

INFO AMEMBASSY PRETORIA

C O N F I D E N T I A L CAPE TYWC 0485

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, PARM, TECH, SF

SUBJ: PROPOSED U.S.-DUTCH-SWISS NUCLEAR SALE TO SOUTH AFRICA

REF: STATE 09804, STATE 099278

1. OIC PRETORIA CALLED ON ESCOM GENERAL MANAGER SMITH ON APRIL 26 AND ORALLY PRESENTED POINTS OF REFTEL 98043. AS ANTICIPATED, SMITH PRESSED FOR THESE POINTS IN WRITING FOR WHICH OIC UNDERTOOK SEEK AUTHORIZATION. SMITH SAID THAT SUCH A LETTER WOULD BE PLACED IN SEALED FILES ON RECEIPT.

2. SMITH VOUUNTEERED THAT ESCOM PLANS TO ISSUE SHORTLY LETTER OF INTENT TO G.E.-LED CONSRTIUM. IMPORTANT FACTOR, BUT UNQUANTIFIABLE IN TENDER EVALUATION, SMITH SAID, WAS U.S. REPUTATION FOR RELIABILITY ESPECIALLY ON SERVICING. HE DID NOT RAISE QUESTION OF INTEREST RATES.

3. SMITH REITERATED ESCOM ASSURANCES THAT NO PRESS RELEASE PLANNED. HE DID NOTE INTENTION TO INFORM OTHER TWO CONSORTIA OF TENTATIVE DECISION IN FAVOR OF G.E. CONSORTIUM BUT THEIR TENDERS WOULD BE CONSIDERED AS REMAINING VALID PENDING FINAL DECISION. HE SAID THAT DUTCH HAD NOT YET GIVEN COMMITMENT  
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SIMILAR TO OURS.

4. AMBASSADOR SAW DFA SECRETARY BRAND FOURIE ON APRIL 28  
AND MADE SAME PRESENTATION. HE TOO ASKED FOR POINTS IN  
WRITING. AMBASSADOR TOLD HIM THAT HE WOULD SEE AUTHORIZATION  
TO DO THIS AND FORESAW NO PROBLEM IN OBTAINING IT.  
UNDERSTANDING REACHED WITH ESCOM CONCERNING NO PUBLIC  
ANNOUNCEMENTS REGARDING THE AWARD AT THIS TIME WAS REVIEWED  
WITH FOURIE AND HE NOTED THIS AS MATTER OF ESCOM TO HANDLE.  
FOURIE ALSO STRESSED IMPORTANCE TO SAG OF BEING ABLE TO  
COUNT ON U.S. COMMITMENT FOR NECESSARY EQUIPMENT IN BUILDING  
KOBBERG STATIONS AND SERVICING THEM IF AWARD MADE TO U.S.-LED  
CONSORTIA.  
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